

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DENVER CHINESE SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Denver Chinese School (DCS). This exemplary cultural institution has provided our community with numerous intrinsic services which include education in Chinese culture and language, as well as the opportunity for Chinese Americans to work in collaboration with each other to further enrich and grow in Colorado. I am proud to represent the largest Chinese community in Colorado in my Congressional District.

Founded by current President HuiLiang Liu, DCS started as a single class in the Chinese Evangelical Church of Denver, today, the Denver Chinese School encompasses three different campuses located in Highlands Ranch, the Denver Tech Center, and Lakewood, with over 400 students, 80 staff members, and countless volunteers. Today, it is the largest Chinese school in Colorado.

The incredible value of Denver Chinese School has been recognized both at home and abroad. DCS has been certified by the Chinese Association as a "Model School," and its curriculum has been incorporated into the Douglas County School District. Students are now able to take classes, directed and taught by dedicated staffmembers, teachers, and volunteers, and receive high school credit.

The Denver Chinese School provides services which aim to enlighten the community with educational and cultural enrichment. DCS events, like the Colorado Chinese New Year Celebration (CNYC), provide a platform that brings communities together to network, engage with political figures, and obtain cultural awareness.

Throughout its 20 years of service, DCS has proved itself to be an excellent organization and a valuable asset to the state of Colorado. I look forward to, and wish the Denver Chinese School nothing but continued success in its future. I include in the RECORD the names of all DCS principals who have served over the past 20 years.

DCS Principals:
DCS one campus:
1998 to 2004: Huiliang Liu
2004-2006: Ann Qi
DTC Campus
2006-2008: Jianqiu Han
2008-2011: Jianhui Shen
2011-2013: Yiping Luo
2013-2015: Jing Mei
2015-Present: Bin Zhang
Highlands Ranch Campus
2006-2008: Yunhan Zheng
2008-2010: Weichang Zhang
2010-2012: Wenhua Hua
2012-2015: Rui Ding
2015-2017: Xiaoyan Li
2017-Present: Xiuping Wang
Lakewood Campus
2010-2011: Jeane Huang
2011-2013: Qingzhong Zhao
2013-2015: Lily Han
2015-2017: Chunhe Dai
2017-Present: Liang Chen

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. EARNEST "ERDIE" GREEN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend a respected athlete, an accomplished businessman, a Georgia native, and a distinguished graduate of William H. Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia, Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green. As the U.S. Representative for the 2nd Congressional District, I am proud to share that Spencer High School will hold a football banquet and retirement ceremony for Ernie's jersey number "29" on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Ernie, a native of Columbus, Georgia, was a product of the Muscogee County public school system, and an alumnus of William H. Spencer High School's Class of 1958. Following high school, he enrolled at the University of Louisville, where he excelled in both football and baseball, rushing for 1,500 yards and being offered professional contracts for both sports.

After spending his college years at the University of Louisville in 1961, Ernie was drafted in the 14th round of the 1962 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the Green Bay Packers. He was later traded to the Cleveland Browns, where he played halfback and fullback from 1962 to 1968. During his career with the Cleveland Browns, he rushed for over 3,204 yards, and won the NFL Championship in 1964. Ernie also played on the winning teams in the American Football Conference (AFC)-National Football Conference (NFC) Pro Bowls in 1967 and 1968. Ernie played a total of seven seasons with the NFL, gaining 2,036 yards and 195 passes. After receiving a knee injury he made the transition from football player to field coach for the Browns' running backs.

After a successful career with the NFL, Ernie went on to become a businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist. In 1981, he co-founded Earnest Green (EG) Industries, Incorporated, a manufacturing plant that produces high quality products pertaining to the automotive, medical science, industrial, and consumer industries. Over time, his business expanded to include eleven plants, and locations in six states, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and China.

Ernie has received several awards and honors for his philanthropic efforts. Some of these include: the Outstanding Philanthropist of Ohio by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2010 and induction into the Cleveland Browns' Legends Association in 2012. Another noteworthy milestone of Ernie's is his 13th anniversary as a breast cancer survivor, which was achieved in 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, in congratulating and commending Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green for his outstanding athleticism, compelling courage, keen sense of business, and dedication to philanthropy. It has been said that: "You make your living by what you get, but you make your life by what you give." Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green truly made his life

giving so much to enhance the lives of so many for so long.

APPLY ALL DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE POSSIBLE TO NORTH KOREA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, North Korea continues to be one of the great menaces of our time. Its relentless pursuit of nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them onto American shores, threatens the lives of millions and needlessly risks a major war.

However, this evil regime has not only looked to develop nuclear arms to hold the world hostage and murder countless innocent people. It is expanding its arsenal to introduce some of the most horrific weapons of war this world has ever seen. Based on what evidence is available, North Korea has built or continues to research a broad range of chemical and biological weapons that could unleash untold savagery on its neighbors and Americans in the region.

Furthermore, the regime has amassed the conventional military forces needed to rain down destruction on its southern neighbor on a scale approaching the level of carnage that a nuclear weapon can produce. Millions of people living in Seoul are within range of thousands of North Korean rockets and artillery.

On immediate order from the supreme leader, these guns can bombard the South Korean capital and dozens of communities along the demilitarize zone with high explosive shells and chemical warheads, killing tens of thousands of civilians in the first hour of a conflict. The urgency of the North Korean threat cannot be understated and must be understood in full context.

The regime has shown us its brutality and willingness to use globally condemned weapons. Just last year, Kim Jong Un's half-brother was assassinated using VX nerve agent in a busy Malaysian airport.

VX is banned by the Chemical Weapons Convention and is more potent than any other chemical weapon devised by man. Its ability to virtually kill on contact, gives little time to treat individuals exposed. And unlike other chemical weapons, it has the ability to sit for long periods of time where it was dispersed, creating a deadly obstacle for medical professionals trying to respond to a VX attack.

The recklessness of Little Kim's decision to use it in public place shows how little regard he has for innocent human life. With the availability of drone technology, the North Korean regime could easily spray the nerve agent across heavily populated areas. It is unclear how we should respond to such an incident. With nuclear weapons, we have a clearly stated policy: if you use yours, we will respond with ours.

We must develop and communicate a clear strategy to how we will respond if Little Kim were to use chemical or biological weapons in his next clash with the U.S. and South Korea. When the Syrian regime conducted a chemical attack on its own people in 2013, then-President Obama did not have a clearly held 'red-line.'

The Obama administration displayed little resolve and did not respond with force—instead it made a deal with the Russians so supposedly destroy the Assad regime's chemical weapons stockpiles. But last spring we saw the Syrians use chemical weapons again. Fortunately the Trump administration did not waver, and respond with sufficient force to deter further use of the deadly weapons.

This example demonstrates that if we show weakness in the face of these horrific weapons, it will only invite continued use of them. We should also consider where the Assad regime acquired these weapons of mass destruction. Available evidence points to the Kim regime. And despite the Obama administrations deal with Putin, reports suggest Assad may be trying to acquire more chemical weapons from North Korea.

Last August, the United Nations revealed that two North Korean shipments destined for Syria were intercepted. While it is unclear what the cargo was, we know they were intended for the Syrian agency responsible for Assad's chemical weapons program.

So while Little Kim may not have ordered an attack with his chemical weapons arsenal yet, he is actively assisting those rogue actors who are using chemical weapons.

Recent reports also indicate that North Korea is developing the means to produce biological weapons on a massive scale. We do not know if he has deployed these new bio-weapons, but given the example he has shown with his nuclear and chemical programs, it is not unreasonable to believe they will be soon.

This evil regime has repeated demonstrated that it rarely hesitates when pushing the limits of international resolve. To prevent North Korea from expanding its arsenal of deadly weapons and proliferating them to the world's worst actors, we must continue to apply all pressure available.

Our sanctions should block all sources of funding and material for this regime. Only when Little Kim feels the pain and sees that his dangerous pursuit weapons of mass murder will result in his own demise, will he be tempted to back down. America must lead the way, and show that any use of these deadly weapons will be met with a harsh response.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIE O'REE BREAKING THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE COLOR BARRIER AND HIS INDELIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPORT OF HOCKEY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on January 18, 1958, sixty years ago today, a 22-year-old Boston Bruins winger stepped onto the ice of the famed Montreal Forum to battle the Montreal Canadiens, forever changing the face of the National Hockey League. Though he played in only two NHL games that year and forty-three more during the 1960–61 season, this player's lasting impact upon the League and the sport of ice hockey continues to this very day. In remembrance of his historic ac-

complishment, I want to take a few minutes to pay tribute to Willie O'Ree, on the anniversary of his becoming the first black person to play in an NHL game, and for his continued efforts to grow the game and personify the belief that hockey is for everyone.

Without question, life was not easy for the few black hockey players trying to break into the professional ranks in the 1950s. America was still dealing with segregation and Jim Crow, and racism was an everyday reality for black people everywhere. No black person was immune to this reality, not even a young black Canadian hockey player from Fredericton, New Brunswick. While chasing his boyhood dream of becoming a professional hockey player, Willie O'Ree faced more than his fair share of racial epithets and abuse from players and spectators alike. However, his inner strength, dedication, and determination propelled him above his racial antagonists and set him on a course that would ultimately prove historic and transformational.

And not only did Willie overcome the racial climate of his day, he also overcame a potentially career ending injury that almost no one knew about. When Willie was a 19-year-old playing junior hockey in Canada, he was struck by an errant puck that left him blind in his right eye. The doctors that treated him told him he would never play again. Thankfully for us, he followed his heart and not their prognosis. But Willie did keep the fact that he was blind in his right eye a secret from coaches, players, and even his family for fear that they might keep him from the sport he loved.

Following his time with the Bruins, Willie spent most of the remainder of his career in the Western Hockey League, where he played for both the Los Angeles Blades and San Diego Gulls. He ended a successful 21-year professional hockey career in 1979. However, the best was yet to come with respect to Willie's relationship with hockey and the NHL. For as much as he was a historic game changer on the ice in 1958, today he is recognized as one of most influential and respected advocates for the game off the ice.

In 1998, forty years after his initial impact as a player, Willie again significantly impacted the NHL and the game of hockey, but this time as the League's Diversity Ambassador and Director of Youth Development. Since reconnecting with the League, Willie has been a passionate and tireless teacher, mentor and friend to tens of thousands of young kids, from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, who have come to embrace and play the great game of hockey. His legacy continues to be on display in organizations like the Ft. Dupont Ice Hockey Club, here in Washington, DC, which is the oldest minority ice hockey club in North America, and SCORE Boston, an inner-city hockey program located in my district. Willie's legacy also can be seen through the NHL stars of today and the future stars of tomorrow. Last year's NHL All Star game featured the largest contingency of black players ever, with one of the players, Wayne Simmonds, being named the game's Most Valuable Player. Next month, Jordan Greenway, a member of the Boston University hockey team, will be the first African American to play hockey for the United States in the Olympics.

Earlier this week, we celebrated the national holiday honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Universally recognized as one of the world's most eloquent and pas-

sionate defenders of civil and human rights, Dr. King, in his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech, talked of one day living in a nation where we will be judged not by the color of our skin but by the content of our character. Mr. Speaker, I think it is fitting that during the same week we are celebrating Dr. King's legacy, we are acknowledging the accomplishments of Willie O'Ree: a man whose character allowed him to overcome the challenges surrounding the color of his skin and, in doing so, changed the sport of hockey forever.

DACA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong and unwavering support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) and unyielding opposition to the President's decision, announced by the Attorney General, to rescind a policy that liberated 800,000 young persons—124,000 of them in Texas—from the shadows of life, welcomed them into the mainstream, and encouraged them to realize their potential and achieve the American Dream.

At the heart of the Trump Administration's cruel and heartless and misguided decision to rescind DACA is the specious claim that President Obama lacked the constitutional and statutory authority to take executive actions to implement the DACA policy.

That is why I offered an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018, (Division C of Rules Committee Print 115–31) that would have prohibited the Administration from using appropriated funds to implement its decision to rescind DACA.

Specifically, that Jackson Lee Amendment provided the following section at the end of Division E of the bill:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the Memorandum of September 5, 2017, from the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security pertaining to "Rescission of the June 15, 2012 Memorandum Entitled "Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion with Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United States as Children."

Regrettably, this Jackson Lee Amendment was not made in order by the Rules Committee.

There was no need for the President to make any decisions about DACA; there was no real deadline pending, no actual court case, no legal requirement.

And in my congressional district, we are still mourning the loss of the heroic DREAMER, Alonso Guillen, who came to the U.S. from Mexico as a child, and died here when his boat capsized while he was rescuing survivors of the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area.

The President and Attorney General should not have created a crisis just because they appear not to like the ethnic groups from which most DREAMERS come.

Not to mention the so-called President, who called "shithole countries" the places he finds undesirable, likely because of his racist ways.